

**Additional State Park Ranger Positions
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Resource Action Identification Form

1. Name of Proposed Resource Action:

- a. Name of proposed Resource Action: Fund additional State Park Ranger positions for increased cultural resource protection and explore cooperative arrangements with associate governmental agencies. (CO2.01-06 & CO4.09)

2. Proposed Resource Action

- a. Describe the proposed Resource Action in as much detail as practical: Fund additional State Park Ranger positions and associated support equipment. During a cultural resource inventory, many new Archaeological sites in the APE were identified. Many of those sites, along with many sites previously recorded, have had a history of vandalism, or looting. Additional law enforcement positions would be dedicated but not limited to the protection of cultural resources through apprehension, investigation and prosecution of looters. These actions would be accomplished through increased patrol, collaborative with associated agencies, and support equipment, e.g.: surveillance systems with heat sensors, cameras and basic personal intruder devices. A Whistleblower Hotline would be established and maintained by the State Park Rangers. Increased cultural resource protection would be accomplished through the apprehension of drivers violating the laws of driving on posted "high risk" areas. Rangers would take the cultural resource protection message to local schools through interpretive presentations to children.
- b. Any physical or operational changes:
☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unknown
If Yes, Please explain: Operations would be adjusted to accommodate increased staff. Additional patrol cars with emergency equipment would be necessary. Surveillance equipment would be installed in designated "hot spots". Interpretive materials would be required.
- c. Proposed start date and duration
Start (month/yr): As soon as feasible Duration: Indefinite
- d. Location (within FERC boundary/outside FERC boundary)
☒ Inside ☐ Outside ☐ Don't know
Please specify possible location(s) referring to the linked map (<http://orovillerelicensing.water.ca.gov/maps.html>), or providing a map as appropriate:
Located in the many "high-risk" areas of the APE.

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- e. Please provide alternative potential Resource Actions for addressing the same resource goal and/or Project 2100 effects referring to the linked map, or providing a map as appropriate: The Bureau of Land Management has agreed to work collaboratively with State Parks on a very limited basis. Site stabilization in "high risk" areas is also a viable alternative.

☐ Unknown

- f. Describe the methods for measuring the goals and performance of the Resource Action or methods for evaluating success against the known resource goal(s): Augmented enforcement would lead to improved apprehension and prosecution of looters and vandals. Rangers would also reach youth through school outreach. The result would be improved awareness and thus, better cultural resource protection.

☐ Unknown

- g. Describe the feasibility of the Resource Action: Entirely feasible as long as funding sources are identified.

☐ Unknown

- h. Please mark the applicable Working Groups that would be involved in the implementation of this Resource Action:

- ☒ Land Use and Management
- ☒ Recreation & Socioeconomics
- ☒ Cultural Resources
- ☒ Engineering and Operations
- ☐ Environmental

3. Contact Information for Submitter(s) & Alternate Contact:

- a. Organization name: California Department of Parks and Recreation
- b. Preparer's name, phone number and e-mail address: Ellen Clark, (530) 538-2200, eclar@parks.ca.gov
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- d. Date prepared: 9/5/03
- e. Organization(s) represented by submitter: Cultural Resources Work Group

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4. Resource Goals:

- a. Identify and describe the resource goal the Resource Action is related to, providing reference to the resource goal number(s) described, as appropriate: This Resource Action addresses a number of Cultural Resource goals oriented toward cultural resource protection.
Specific Resource Goals include:

CO2.01- Evaluate the needs (i.e., project effect, significance of resource) and methods to provide protection of cultural resources;

CO2.02- Emphasize protection of all significant cultural resource values within the APE (including those that lie beneath the reservoir);

CO2.03- Develop special protective measures for "high risk" situations (e.g., sites exposed to potential damage through vandalism);

CO2.06- Incorporate public education in any protection program;

☐ Unknown

- b. Explanation of how the Resource Action furthers that goal: Increased Ranger positions would put an emphasis on the protection of all significant cultural resources within the APE. Special protective measures would be taken due to the increase in law enforcement activities, especially to sites exposed to potential damage through vandalism. Public education would be effective through increased apprehension and conviction of looters and school outreach.

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5. Identify the Resource Issue/Relationship to Project and Relicensing

- a. Describe the issue the Resource Action is intended to address, referring as appropriate to Issue Statement(s) number(s):

CRE1- Protect all cultural resources within the Project boundary area.

CRE7a- Need more cultural education in the area effected by the project

CRE21- Area 1 is rich with cultural resources and prime location for preservation. Concerned that increased recreational activities in the area is in conflict with protection of cultural resources.

CRE22- Support protection- preservation of cultural resources.

CRE26- Water drawdown has exposed sites subject to vandalism.

CRE38- Public education is necessary to combat site vandalism.

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- b. Describe the relationship between the Resource Action and the project, including any project impacts the Resource Action is intended to address:
As a result of the project's archaeological inventory, many heretofore unknown sites have been discovered. Numerous newly discovered sites were found to have been looted. These discoveries reinforce the need for increased law enforcement staff.

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- c. Identify any comprehensive plans that this Resource Action is related to:
Resource Management and General Development Plan for Lake Oroville State Recreation Area, August 1973; Interpretive Plan for Lake Oroville Visitor Center at Lake Oroville State Recreation Area, December 1989; Comprehensive Statewide Historic Preservation Plan for California (Office of Historic Preservation 1997, with update for 2000-2005).

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